

In this respect, however, Osiris was nothing to
St. Dcnys,
of whom no less than seven heads, all equally
genuine, are

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extant.

Osiris According to native Egyptian accounts,
which supple-
moured ment tjiat of piutarch, when Isis had found
the corpse of
by Isis and
Nephthys. her husband Osiris, she and her sister
Nephthys sat down
beside it and uttered a lament which in after
ages became
the type of all Egyptian lamentations for the
dead. " Come
to thy house," they wailed, " Come to thy
house. O god
On ! come to thy house, thou who hast no foes.
O fair
youth, come to thy house, that thou maycst sec
me. I am
thy sister, whom thou lovest; thou shalt not part
from me.
O fair boy, come to thy house. . . . I see thee not,
yet doth
my heart yearn after thee and mine eyes desire
thee. Come
to her who loves thee, who loves thee, Unnefer,
thou blessed
one! Come to thy sister, come to thy wife, to
thy wife,
thou whose heart stands still. Come to thy
housewife. I
am thy sister by the same mother, thou shalt not
be far from
me. Gods and men have turned their faces
towards thee
and weep for thee together. . . . I call after thee
and weep,
so that my cry is heard to heaven, but thou
nearest not my
voice ; yet am I thy sister, whom thou didst love
on earth ;
thou didst love none but me, my brother! my
brother ! ~
This lament for the fair youth cut off in his
prime reminds
us of the laments for Adonis. The title of Unnefer
or " the
Good Being" bestowed on him marks the
beneficence which
tradition universally ascribed to Osiris ; it was at
once his
commonest title and one of his names as king.³

Being The lamentations of the two sad
 sisters were not in
 vain. In pity for her sorrow the sun-
 god Ra sent down
 again, from heaven the jackal-headed god Anubis,
 who, with the
 Osiris

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